

MIDWEST DROUGHT EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (DEWS) REGIONAL WORKSHOPS CINCINNATI, OH

State of Ohio

Drought Planning, Assessment and
Reporting

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- Long-Term Plan – Regular Updates
- 2005 Drought
- Updates have addressed drought response triggers, assessment procedures, state drought committee response, etc.

STATE DROUGHT RESPONSE PLAN

- Partner Agencies
- Drought Indicators
- Drought Response Levels
- Assignments of Responsibility
- Drought Impact Task Forces

PLAN STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

- Drought Division in D1 or Higher
 - Crop and Soil Moisture Indices
 - Palmer Drought Severity Indices
 - Standard Precipitation Indices
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- Next Update will align the Plan with new State-wide System

DROUGHT INDICATORS

- ▶ Application of Science to Drought Assessment
- ▶ Ongoing System Development
- ▶ Cooperation with Surrounding States

STATEWIDE DROUGHT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

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- Multi-Agency Response
 - Year-round Assessment
 - SCOO Taking the Lead
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- Establishment of Multi-Agency State-Wide Drought Assessment Network

HOW OHIO RESPONDS TO DROUGHT

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